

Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method for protecting a computing device from potentially harmful code in a document, the method comprising:
 - providing one or more definitions of potentially harmful active content in an editable text file, each definition identifying potentially harmful active content and specifying an action to be performed on that potentially harmful active content if that potentially harmful active content is found in the document;
 - comparing the document with each definition of potentially harmful active content in the editable text file to identify potentially harmful active content within the document; and
 - modifying the document to render harmless any identified potentially harmful active content before presenting the document to the computing device.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising syntactically examining the document and placing the document in a valid form before comparing the document with each definition.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising transmitting the modified document to the computing device over a network after the potentially harmful active content is rendered harmless.
4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein each definition is listed in the text file in a same language structure and schema as the document.
5. (Currently amended) The method of claim 3, further comprising mapping ~~each of the identified elements~~ definition in the ~~data~~ text file into a same language and schema as the document.

6. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising
representing the document as a first document object model (DOM) tree
and the ~~configuration~~ text file as a second DOM tree.

7. – 22. (Cancelled)

23. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the editable text file is an XML
(extensible markup language) file.

24. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein one or more of the definitions of
potentially harmful active content identifies potentially harmful active
content that may be present at a level of a tag in the document.

25. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein one or more of the definitions of
potentially harmful active content identifies potentially harmful active
content that may be present at a level of an attribute in the document.

26. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein one or more of the definitions of
potentially harmful active content identifies potentially harmful active
content that may be present at a level of an attribute value in the
document.

27. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein each definition is listed in the text
file in a different language structure and different schema from the
document.

28. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the action specified by a given
definition is to remove an attribute from the document.

- 1 29. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the action specified by a given
2 definition is to replace the identified potentially harmful active content in
3 the document with active content known to be harmless.
- 1 30. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the action specified by a given
2 definition is to remove a tag from the document.